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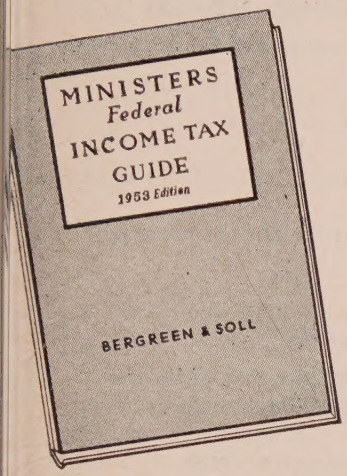

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Sure Foundations Have Been Laid

By LUTHER A. WEIGLE

THE EDITOR of the OUTLOOK has asked me, as Chairman of the Planning Committee which labored to bring into being the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, to answer the question: Has the National Council, in the two years of its work thus far, fulfilled your hopes?

My answer is: Amply. There is much yet to be done, and our hopes should not fall short of the Kingdom of God; but the National Council is well on its way. The adventure of faith has been justified by its work in these two years.

The work of the interdenominational agencies which merged into the new Council has been strengthened rather than hampered by their new awareness of one another and their common responsibility to the Council as a whole.

The Council has shown that the churches can cooperate effectively upon the basis of their faith in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior, without waiting to reach agreement upon divisive issues of faith and order.

The commitment by the churches to one Council for their cooperative work in evangelism, education, missions, social action and stewardship has made for better integration and a vital cross-fertilization of these major interests in the total program of the Church's life and work.

This better integration has opened the way to experimentation with new techniques and to the expansion and improvement of the Council's facilities for technical services in research, mass communication, publicity and public relations. In some of the newer fields of service thus opened we are probably just at the beginning, but the important fact is that the field has been envisioned and the service begun.

Substantial progress had been made toward the adequate enlistment in the structure and service of the Council of laymen, laywomen and young people. We owe much, at this point, to the remarkably effective participation of the United Church Women and to the activities in recruitment and interpretation undertaken by the National Lay Committee.

The financial management of the Council is sound, under the direction of the Budget Committee and the Business and Finance Committee; and we can have just assurance that the developing needs of the future will be met with a resourcefulness and wisdom begotten of wide experience in business on the one hand and in the leadership of the churches on the other.

The combined membership of the National Council of the Churches of Christ constitutes the largest church body in the United States, and the largest body of Protestants and Orthodox thus organized anywhere. With recognition of this fact there comes a sobering sense of opportunity and responsibility.

Differing as we do in many details of heritage, custom and conviction, we are yet one in our allegiance to Jesus Christ, our Divine Lord and Savior. And linked as we are in this Council, we can explore with courage and with mutual respect the implications of that faith for our common life.

We must resist the blight of secularism; we must refuse to let democracy lapse into communism; and we will hold the state, as well as ourselves its citizens, accountable to God.

Without implying any lack of interest in other creative areas of the Council's service, I name two that seem to me to be of imperative importance—Christian higher education and the relation of religion to public education.

The publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible affords the possibility of a great upsurge of interest in the reading and study of the Bible. The fact that our Roman Catholic brethren are engaged upon a similar revision, based upon the original languages, is encouraging.

I have just returned from Canada, where I was asked to address the Canadian Council of Churches; and I am impelled to raise again the question whether we have explored every avenue for the maintenance of cooperation between our National Council and the Canadian Council. That this should increase, rather than be allowed to lapse, is of great importance to both countries.

Finally, let me say that we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary, and Dr. Roy G. Ross, associate general secretary, and to Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, first president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, for the laying of sure foundations and for the notable success of the work of the Council in these first two years.

The Formative Years—1951-52—of the National Council of Churches

By BEATA MUELLER

TWO years ago, the official representatives of 29 Christian bodies met in Cleveland, O., to establish formally and finally a federation merging the programs of 12 interdenominational agencies.

The signing of the final documents by leaders of the 29 communions formalized the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., which had been ten years in the planning. The ceremony was witnessed by hundreds of denominational delegates, voting representatives in the National Council's General Assembly, consultants, visitors, students, who had come, in spite of a blizzard to witness an historic event.

Since then, the nation's church people have continued to watch the development of an organization that has become considerably more than the sum of its parts.

As the National Council planned for its second General Assembly in Denver, December 9-12, its executives and officers took stock of the accomplishments of the Council's first two years.

As illustrations of what happens in the Churches when there is "a real will to stand together and to work together," Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the National Council cited:

—the completion and launching of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which required the combined scholarship of all the cooperating churches to produce the translation and combined efforts to produce the 3,400 Bible observances in communities across the nation;

—completion of the resettlement of 52,000 displaced persons, a ministry to human need that required contacts with government and community agencies which the denominations could not maintain separately; the ministry-on-wheels to migrant harvesters who follow the crops in a way that makes it impossible for each denomination to follow its own; and the program of teaching the world's illiterates to read, which requires technical processes that would not be feasible for separate denominations;

—an increasing impact on the general public through news of National Council activities in daily papers and national magazines, which will be "an asset to every one of the cooperating churches";

—in religious radio and television, with their necessity for expensive technical equipment, cooperative action which makes it possible to reach multitudes of non-churchgoers with the Christian message;

—in public affairs, the well-coordinated effort against the appointment of a U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican, giving national expression to a judgment reflecting a common mind in the churches;

—in evangelism, cooperative methods on the university campus, in taking a community census of families outside the churches and inviting them in, and a revival of "mass evangelism" with the services of the National Council's staff evangelist.

Although many of these programs existed before the National Council was established, Dr. Cavert said, formation of the National Council added something, making them integral parts of a total program of the cooperating churches. Thus, Dr. Cavert added, all the cooperative projects help strengthen the oneness of spirit and purpose for which the National Council exists.

Bringing twelve interdenominational agencies into one organic structure produced a large organization — as evidenced by its budget of some $8,000,000 including the amounts raised for Church World Service and various missionary projects.

The emphasis, however, is not on bigness but on wholeness, in a way that was not true of the earlier agencies, Dr. Cavert continued. The National Council, he said, stands for the wholeness of the Church in three important ways: by drawing together different denominational segments into something like one family; by representing the wholeness of the Christian task; and by seeking to embrace all sections of the churches'

nstituency—clergy and laity, adults and oung people—in a creative fellowship.

In drawing together a "family" of urch bodies, he noted, the National ouncil, whose constituent communions ave a combined membership of more an 33,000,000, numbers more people its circle than any other religious ody in America.

In terms of the Christian task, he dded, the council's program includes ll of the major responsibilities of the hurches.

Some of the concerns the National ouncil had taken up, through its de- ominational representatives, were in- icated by a partial list of the state- ents issued by the General Board, in- erim policy-making body, from Decem- er 2, 1950, to September 24, 1952.

The General Board, over the two ears, had made pronouncements on: isplaced persons; emergency food aid or India; conscientious objectors; gam- ling and public morals; the technical ssistance program and the churches; migratory farm laborers; the proposed omination of a U.S. Ambassador to he Vatican; the peace treaty with Ja- an; international regulation and reduc- ion of armaments; approval of Article 3 of the draft of the International ovenant of Human Rights; universal ilitary training; ethical standards in overnment; the Christian and his daily work; the problem of drug addiction; . S. immigration and naturalization pol- cy; segregation, and Christian responsi- ility in the 1952 election.

The activities of the Council's depart- ents in scores of fields and their rela- ons to each other are probably best dicated in the reports of the four di- sions and other units.

Christian Education

The greatest achievement of the Division of Christian Education as a whole was undoubtedly the completion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, presented to the American and Canadian public at nearly 3,500 community Bible observances on Sept. 30, 1952.

The Division's major change came in the resignation of its executive secretary, Dr. Roy G. Ross, who became Associate General Secretary of the National Council. Dr. Gerald E. Knoff became executive secretary of the Division, is still acting as executive of the Division's *Commission on General Christian Education.*

The Commission itself, like all the Division's three major units, reported many new developments and projects during the last two years.

These included: the 50th anniversary of the Vacation Church School Movement in 1951; the Call to United Christian Youth Action in Jan., 1952, which enlisted more than 164,000 young people in pledges of Christian service; the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Zorach and Gluck case, which untangled legal perplexities for 3,000 communities where 2,250,000 children take released-time religious education classes.

Some other developments were the fourth Christian Youth Conference of North America, bringing together more than a thousand young men and women at the quadrennial meeting at Purdue University; development of audio-visual education materials to help church school teachers, children's and youth workers; preparation of a Curriculum Guide for the Local Church and curriculum services for military and defense establishments.

For young men and women in the armed services there was also created the United Fellowship of Protestants, a department of the General Commission on Chaplains but related to the United Christian Youth Movement, youth arm of the National Council.

Services in Youth Evangelism have been established in the U.C.Y.M., and a research project is being worked out in a program tentatively called the Community Christian Education Outreach, to find means of taking Christian teaching to all the unreached persons in the community.

The Commission also has two new de-

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Only two years ago the National Council of Churches was constituted in Cleveland by the representatives of 29 communions and 12 general interdenominational agencies.

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES—(Left to right) seated: Mrs. Abbie Clement Jackson, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Dr. Roy G. Ross, Mrs. Douglas Horton. (Left to right) standing: Dr. Hermann N. Morse, President M. E. Sadler, Dr. Paul C. Payne, Dr. Harold E. Stassen, Dr. Charles T. Leber, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming. Not included is the Treasurer, Mr. Charles E. Wilson.

UNITED CHURCH MEN—Installation of officers. (Left to right) Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary, and Dr. Hermann N. Morse, a vice president of the National Council (in academic gowns), facing the new officers of United Church Men: Leonard J. Fletcher, secretary; Lem T. Jones, chairman, and Glen B. Goble, a vice-president.

Two Years in Review

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partments, one on Intergroup Education, the other the Joint Department of Family Life.

The second of the Division's three units marked its first year as a full-time project: the *Commission on Christian Higher Education,* with Rev. Raymond F. McLain as general director.

This Commission's biggest project was probably the research-study program on "What Is a Christian College?" Forty colleges took part in the first year of the study, and some 250 Protestant and 50 Catholic colleges joined in the second year, with 15 one-day faculty conferences and six five-day faculty workshops across the U. S. Values of the study, the commission reports, are actual changes in administration, educational philosophy and content toward building a more Christian institution; clarification of the role of the Christian college in education today; and the development of fellowship among the Christian faculty members as they look for ways of using their teaching as part of their Christian witness.

Workshop reports from the study will be used by the participating institutions in 1953 for continued self-examination, and a book scheduled for 1953 will consolidate the results of the research and state the position of the Christian college in the educational world.

Another result from the study program is the development of a Faculty Christian Fellowship, on an interdenominational basis, among teachers in all types of institutions of higher learning.

In the planning stage for next year: the 1953 triennial assembly of the Interseminary Committee and the first quadrennial convocation of Christian Colleges in 1954; activation of a Department of Christian Vocation, with a section on the ministry existing and the Student Volunteer Movement's 1952 decision to join as the Section on Missionary Services. Plans are also under way for a new Department of Campus Christian Life, interested in faculty, administration and students in tax-supported as well as church-related colleges and universities.

The Commission is also acting as a consultant in the setting up by the Association of American Colleges and the American Council on Education of a national corporation to receive gifts from industrial corporations to aid colleges that are not tax-supported. The Commission points out, however, that churches must provide the basic support for church colleges.

The Division's third major unit, the *Joint Commission on Missionary Education,* in 1952 celebrated the Golden Anniversary of the Missionary Education Movement.

Publication agency—under the imprint of Friendship Press—of books and study materials on home and foreign mission themes used by nearly all denominations, the joint commission's sales volume has grown steadily in the last two years.

With almost no retail sales—distribution is mainly through denominational agencies, schools and the book trade—sales rose from $279,000 in 1950 to $366,000 in 1951, and sales in the first nine months of 1952 had already topped the 1951 total.

Themes for home and foreign mission study in 1953-54 are "Spanish-Speaking

LAY LEADERSHIP—Mrs. Lois B. Hunter, chairman of the Council's National Lay Women's Committee; Mr. J. Howard Pew, chairman of the National Laymen's Committee, and Mr. Charles R. Hook, chairman of the 100-member Committee on Business and Finance.

Americans in the U. S.," a topic scheduled for the Home Missions divisional meeting in Denver, and "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World," which is relevant to the National Council's 1953 program emphasis, "Christ Calls to Mission and Unity. What Must the Churches Do?"

Other projects of the joint commission include general publications, like the forth-coming "Report from Christian Europe," publications for the International Missionary Council, films and filmstrips on missionary education themes, and six major summer conferences for leadership training at Silver Bay, Asilomar, Lake Forest, Northfield, Boulder and Chautauqua.

Christian Life and Work

The Division of Christian Life and Work, dealing with problems of social policy and public affairs, has found in the last two years an increasing recognition both in and outside the churches of the importance of church influence in dealing with national and international problems.

As secular agencies become aware that the obvious aspects of power are not as important as the moral aspects, they are turning to the churches for help in analyzing current problems and recommending possible solutions.

The Division spends a good deal of time collaborating with other religious agencies on issues of public morals, public affairs and social problems. The Division has also had staff responsibility for such assignments as the Coordinating Committee on Diplomatic Relations with the Vatican, the study of possible inclusion of ministers in Social Security.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Outstanding achievement was the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Here President Truman receives the first copy from Dr. Luther A. Weigle, chairman of the committee of scholars who made the revision. Looking on are Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Dr. Earl F. Adams and Dr. Roy G. Ross. A million and a half persons took part in some 3,500 community observances of the publication date.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AWARDS, 1951—(Left to right) Mr. Harry E. Paisley, Philadelphia layman active in religious education work for more than half a century, who received the Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation; Dr. Paul C. Payne, chairman of the Division of Christian Education, and Dr. Roy G. Ross, retiring executive secretary of the Division, who was cited for his 16 years' service to Christian education.

Concerned with the basic functions of the Church in society, the Division faces the problems of how the churches can work with secular agencies without being used by them; of the churches' dual role of conserving values in society which come closest to Christian values, and of constructive criticism of society's failures.

While the Division works with basic problems, its departments are highly specialized.

The Department of International Justice and Goodwill serves the churches by educational aids, like its memoranda on church concerns in the United Nations, immigration policies, and Point Four; its Consultation on the Churches' Relation to People in Underdeveloped Areas in 1951; its current nationwide essay contest for young people on "The United States and Underdeveloped Areas."

The department has prepared many of the statements adopted by the General Board on U. S. foreign policy, represents the National Council, with authorization of the General Board, at specific Congressional hearings and also represents the National Council at such international conferences as the Ecumenical Commission on European Cooperation in Germany last July.

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Two Years in Review

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The Department of Pastoral Services has two basic concerns: religion and health and services in hospitals and prisons.

The department processes applications for chaplains in federal prisons, has worked with state institutions and state and local councils of churches on setting up chaplaincy programs in state and local institutions. It also helps set up seminars, courses and fellowships on clinical training for ministers, pastoral counselling and ministering to the sick, prisoners, and the aged.

In the last two years the department has studied some ethical and religious problems of psychosurgery and shock treatment in mental illness; prepared a book, "The Church and Mental Health," a symposium by psychiatrists, theologians and pastors; helped nursing schools and organizations train nurses in concern for the patients' religious needs and cooperation with pastors ministering to them; helped the Yale School of Alcohol Studies plan curricula; worked with the Department of Social Welfare on a pamphlet called "Narcotics—the Churches and the Problem of Narcotic Addiction."

At the request of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, the pastoral services department also prepared a handbook on "The Clergy and Civil Defense."

The Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, in addition to interracial workshops and clinics in various areas held three annual Institutes on Racial and Cultural Relations.

For the National Council itself, the department developed a policy statement on "The Churches and Segregation," is preparing others on "Guiding Principles for Meetings and Conventions," and "The National Council—Participation and Employment."

As a clearinghouse for information and counsel in its field, the department answers thousands of inquiries a year, many from other units of the National Council, but mostly from civic groups, churches, colleges, schools and individuals such as teachers, students, ministers, church and social workers.

Its staff has also completed research projects, including a survey of racial policies and practices in Indianapolis churches, a report on racial policies and practices in cities being considered for headquarters location for the National Council, and a study of admission practices in church-related colleges. Still in process is one study of 1,331 racially inclusive churches in three denominations, and a survey, with the Home Missions Division's Department of the Urban Church and the Central Department of Research and Survey, of Chinese-American communities and churches in the U. S. and Hawaii.

The Department of Social Welfare cooperated with the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth in December, 1950. Its executive also addressed several major conferences, including the National Conference of Catholic Charities and the Second International Gerontological Congress in 1951.

Publications during the two years have included the narcotics pamphlet (in cooperation with the Department of Pastoral Services), and "The Congregation Serves Older People." The Department also prepared the documents approved by the General Board on "Gambling and Public Morals," "Ethical Standards in Government" and "The Churches and the Problem of Narcotic Addiction."

The department continued its sponsorship of the Church Conference of Social Work, now in its 22nd year, as an affiliate of the National Conference of Social Work. The 1952 conference in Chicago took up discussion of such problems as rehabilitation of the alcoholic, pastor-case-worker cooperation in meeting family problems, narcotic addiction, services for the aged and migratory labor in agriculture.

The department and the Division of Home Missions plan a jointly sponsored national conference on Protestant social work for 1955.

A major project of the Department of the Church and Economic Life has been its studies under Rockefeller Foundation grants of Christian ethics and economic life. The first of six volumes will be published by Harper & Bros., in January, 1953, "Goals of Economic Life." The study, begun three years ago, is being carried on under the chairmanship of Charles P. Taft. Prof. Kenneth Boulding of the University of Illinois is economic consultant and Rev. A. Dudley Ward administrative director.

More than 125 scholars, economists,

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dr. Frank Laubach (right), who has been instrumental in teaching some 60 million illiterates how to read, demonstrates over the Mike and Buff television program, with chart and voice, how he carries on his literacy campaigns.

theologians and leaders in business, labor, agriculture and cooperatives worked on the unique study project. Under a second grant from the foundation, there will be extended research in people's attitudes toward the economy, and the social responsibilities of farm, industrial, government and professional workers.

The department's 1951 conference on the churches and agricultural policy later resulted in reports on "The Churches and Agricultural Policy" and in "Income Distribution in Agriculture."

In 1952, the department administered a unique joint conference of the National and Canadian Councils of Churches, on "The Christian and His Daily Work."

Background material from this conference in Buffalo, including "Religion in the Day's Work," "On-the-Job Dilemmas of Christian Laymen," was being used at local follow-up meetings during 1952.

Plans for 1953-54 include a major educational emphasis for local church people on the Christian as a worker, a consumer, and a citizen concerned with local and national economic policy.

The Department of Worship and the Fine Arts, under the leadership of Rev. Deane Edwards during 1951, held annual seminars on worship, helped prepare services of worship, published such works as "Principles of Church Ushering," "Christian Year Calendar, 1951-1956," and a new edition of "Seven Principles of Public Worship."

Mr. Edwards' successor, Rev. Marvin Halverson, plans a program of study and education with five commissions: Architecture; Art (painting, sculpture, crafts and the graphic arts); Music, Drama and Worship.

THE HOME FRONT—"Graduation" is a serious business for these youngsters at Hamilton, N. Y., where the Division of Home Missions conducted an experimental summer school for children of migrant workers. The three R's were taught, simple carpentry, home-making skills, lessons in family living and good health practices.

Foreign Missions

The need for new techniques and strategies for Christian missions in a world in turmoil has been the major concern of the Division of Foreign Missions during the biennium. The concern was voiced at the Division Assembly in Toronto in January, 1952; it is demonstrated currently in active interest in the National Council's 1953 program emphasis on unity and missions; it has recurred over and over in the Division's programs during the biennium.

One new project has been the study fellowship on the Christian approach to communism, a seminar for furloughed missionaries; another is the plan to extend the annual conference for new outgoing missionaries to six weeks in 1953, include concentrated training on linguistics, political and social problems in areas which the new missionaries will serve.

The complexities of Africa's problems were taken up last summer at a ten-day conference of churchmen, educators, government and U.N. officials.

Reports from other area committees held some bad news, some good: from China that a "hard core" of faithful Christians maintain their loyalty in spite of pressures and accusations, but of some 25 American missionaries still there, 12 are in prison and eight under arrest; from Korea, that 500 church workers were martyred by the communists, 973 churches partly or wholly destroyed, nearly 1,00,000 civilians killed, wounded or missing, 4,000,000 refugees, but missionaries are slowly returning and relief work is being done through Church World Service.

Reports of growth in cooperation and

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"THE FIRST AMERICANS"—Another aspect of the task of the Division of Home Missions is to help the Indians find a place in the church and social life of our communities.

EVANGELISM—(Left) National Council staff evangelist Charles B. Templeton broadcasting at Evansville, Ind., where he attracted great crowds. He is already booked solidly for preaching missions throughout the country for 1953 and 1954.

ciated Mission Medical Office continues to give health services and clearances to some 3,000 missionaries a year.

There are 120,000 rural churches in mission areas overseas. For the aid of their people, the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee helps conduct training courses for agricultural missionaries, keeps contact with students in agricultural colleges who may be interested in missionary service. The Committee on Technical Cooperation, now the technical services section of the Rural Missions Committee, supplies boards and missionaries with current information on U. S. and other government technical assistance programs.

RAVEMCCO — Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication Committee—has now become a permanent committee of the Division. In its four years it has channeled $400,000 into cooperative mass communications projects overseas, seen audio-visual committees established in all the major national Christian Councils. It has aided a growing number of Christian nationals to receive specialized training here for use in their own countries.

World Literacy and Christian Literature has expanded its efforts in the production of simple reading material. Dr. Frank Laubach and his literacy team are in India, loaned by World Literacy, Inc., on request of the Indian govern-

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Christian national councils came from Japan, Burma, Thailand, Micronesia, Indonesia and Malaya.

In the Near East a literacy campaign was launched among 200,000 Arab refugees on the Gaza strip; a church-sponsored conference was held in Beirut in 1951 on the Palestine Refugee Problem.

In the Philippines there are plans for a Protestant Medical College; for India a special $12,000 fund is supporting a group working on literature and a Handbook on Communism, to serve as a basis for Christian strategy, has been developed by the study fellowship. In Latin America there are developments in literacy, literature and audio-visual training.

The Division's Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work has helped plan and promote not only the proposed medical college in the Philippines, but also the Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, North India, and the Evangelical Medical Training Institute in the Congo, in addition to its other services in medical missions. The Asso-

BROADCASTING AND FILMS—The first religious husband-and-wife team on television —Dr. and Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale in their TV program "What's Your Trouble?"

nent, to work on literacy charts and readers in the nine major Indian languages. A new journalism class was established at Hislop College, Nagpur University, the first such course in India. Courses in writing for new literates were given at Syracuse University School of Journalism and Scarritt College.

In cooperation with the Division of Home Missions, Dr. Laubach's book, "Streamlined English," was used in teaching Puerto Rican migrant workers in New York State.

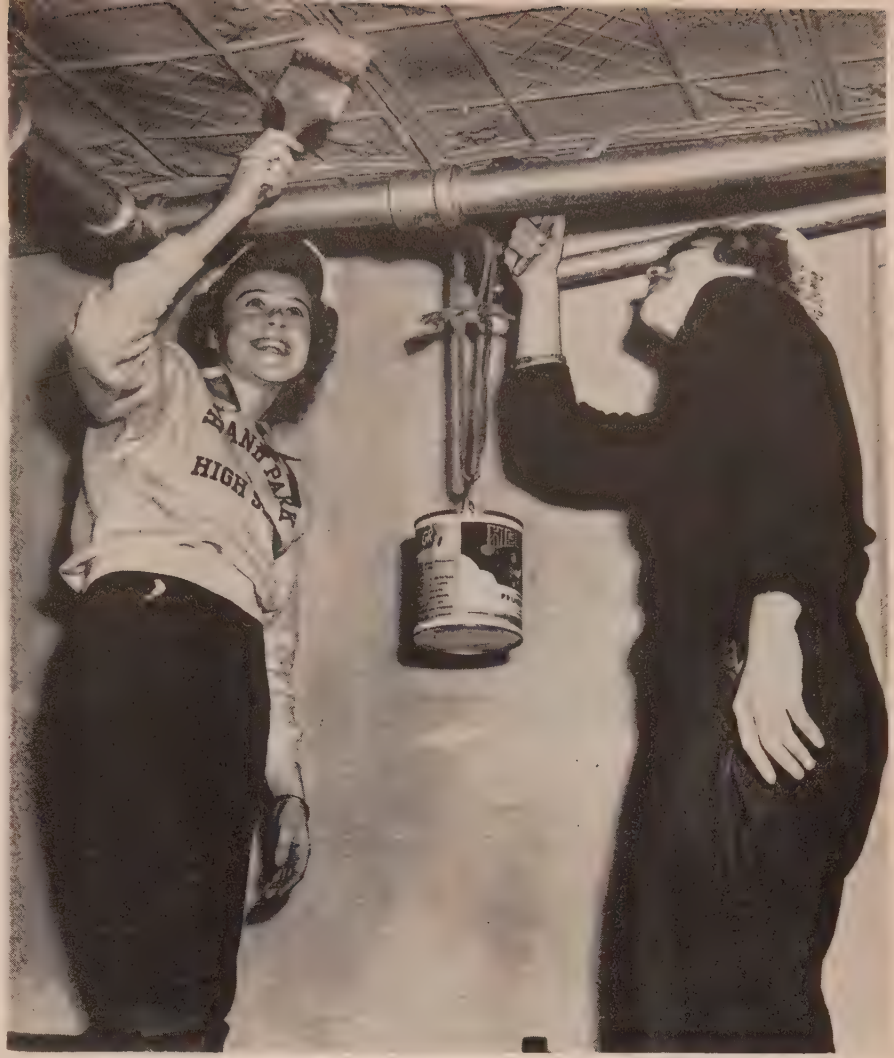
Home Missions

The Division of Home Missions expanded its special services in a period when the problem of reaching a population on the move was creating increased concern among the churches.

Most mobile segment of the U. S. population, the migrant harvest workers and their families, got aid from an expanding cooperative ministry that now has 20 permanent staff members, 15 mobile units, the "Harvesters," and hundreds of summer workers and local volunteers.

Two notable advances cited were: the pilot summer school for migrant children, operated by the Division in New York State in 1951 and 1952, with such outstanding results that the state department of education will open ten summer schools next year; and the enlistment of over 200 local volunteers in Fresno County, Calif., to work in 14 migrant camps under the direction of Division staff members.

Cooperation with other Council units came from the literacy project for Puerto Rican workers, preaching missions held in migrant camps with the aid of the Joint Department of Evangelism.



CALL TO CHRISTIAN YOUTH ACTION—Two high school girls take part in a UCYM work project at New Brunswick, N. J. Nearly a million youth answered the "Call."

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK—Christian Ministry in Institutions—Here Chaplain Mark Shedron chats with two young men at a federal correctional institution in Washington.

Other people-on-the-move were the thousands of construction workers pouring into rural areas that have now become mammoth atomic energy installations. The division's Committee on Ministry to Defense Communities has developed a cooperative ministry to aid local churches in serving these industrial workers in Savannah River, Ga., Paducah, Ky., and has similar plans under way for Ohio.

The Department of the Urban Church was working with local councils of churches in reserving church sites in new planned urban developments, so churches would be well-located for new residents. Another urban church project was the Chinese Church survey in cooperation with Race Relations and Research and Survey.

Indians moving from the reservation to industrial centers create problems; the division has set up two pilot neighborhood centers to meet this situation in Phoenix, Ariz., and Rapid City, S.D.

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UNITED CHURCH WOMEN—As part of the churchwomen's action program for world peace, Mrs. James D. Wyker, president of United Church Women, presents a copy of "Toward Lasting Peace" to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, U. S. Representative to the U. N.

A Tribute to the Council's First President

By SAMUEL MCCREA CAVERT

AS THE first biennium of the National Council draws toward a close, we gratefully salute its first president. Gracious in manner, wise in judgment, skillful in administration, rich in spiritual insight, Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill has provided qualities of leadership which have been a priceless asset to the Council in its formative years.

On the public side Bishop Sherrill is so well known that comment would be superfluous. His masterfulness as a presiding officer, his effectiveness as an interpreter in pulpit and on platform, and his sure touch in contacts with the general public are widely recognized. There are, however, more personal aspects of his service to the National Council which those privileged to work closely with him have discovered and which they would like to record.

Few persons outside the staff of the Council can begin to realize how much time and thought Bishop Sherrill has given to it during the last two years. It has been his regular practice to come to the Council's headquarters every Wednesday morning, except when out-of-town engagements made it impossible, for an unhurried consultation on whatever matters called for guidance and decision. At his own office, only a block away, he has always been available to members of the staff or chairmen of committees for counsel on their work. It was no unusual thing for him to be sought by several of them in a single day. They never departed without the lift of the spirit that comes from warm sympathy. They also carried away the benefit of a discriminating intelligence and an uncommon "common sense" which he brought to bear upon their problems.

To all those who had opportunity to know his thinking and planning, Bishop Sherrill stands as a symbol of the way in which a Christian leader can combine loyalty to his own communion with loyalty to the Church of Christ as a whole. He deeply cherishes his heritage in the Episcopal Church—none more so. At the same time, he appreciates the heritage of other historic groups of Christians.

Bishop Sherrill is the true ecumenical churchman, seeking to represent the Christianity of all lands and ages and feeling himself a member of one fellowship of the people of Christ. His chief interest in the National Council has not been in matters of organization or even of program. It has been in the spiritual significance of the Council as the best expression of Christian unity that is possible today.

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On the reservation, the division has an extensive religious education program in 13 government boarding schools in the U. S. and Alaska, including the new Intermountain Indian school at Brigham City, Utah, with 2,300 reservation children.

The Department of the Town and Country Church has continued its annual convocations—in 1951, in Portland, Ore., the gathering included a tour of the cooperative churching of the Columbia Valley Basin development. Sharecropper work has been integrated in the Town and Country department, with in-service training continuing for rural ministers.

United Church Men

The General Department of United Church Men was officially inaugurated in Cincinnati, O., in Oct., 1951. Since then, organizations on the state and local levels have gotten under way in at least half the states and the District of Columbia. Four states have organized departments and 22 others are in the process of organizing. In local communities, 17 have formally organized departments of United Church Men, and organization is under way in 177 others.

This year also marked the first observance of Churchmen's Week, Oct. 12-19, from Men and Missions Day through Laymen's Sunday. The week stressed themes of the churchman in relation to his home, his daily work, his community, to education, government and youth.

United Church Women

The General Department of United Church Women, some ten years older than its parallel men's group, now reports some 1,900 related local councils and 50 state councils, including Hawaii and the District of Columbia.

The church women continued their annual observances of May Fellowship Day, World Community Day, and the World Day of Prayer, which gives growing support to cooperative home and foreign missions projects. World Day of Prayer offerings rose from $290,000 in 1951 to more than $370,000 in 1952.

A major new emphasis has been the churchwomen's action program for world peace, a five point program that includes: prayer, "living democracy in our home towns," support of the U.N. as "next to the churches today's best instrument for peace," sharing spiritual and material goods with the world's needy, and study and discussion of the issues of peace.

The program was particularly emphasized at a series of ten regional churchwomen's assemblies in 1951 and 1952.

Two other projects are a re-appraisal of inter-racial practices in the women's councils, meetings and programs, with a pledge suggested for individual women to "be guided . . . by my belief that all persons are children of God," and to work against discrimination; and a study of the status of women in the ministry and policy-making bodies of the denominations.

A report on the study, to be conducted by each denomination's top theologians, administrators and church women, is scheduled for the United Church Women's sixth biennial Assembly in Atlantic City next year.

American Communities Overseas

The Joint Department of American Communities Overseas maintains relations with 46 union churches and is now establishing relations with additional English-speaking union churches in Central America and the Middle and Far East. Its services include shepherding care, finance and building, pastoral supply and general interpretation.

Two new union churches and parsonages have been built on the Canal Zone with the help of the cooperating communions, another parsonage is being planned, and union church buildings in Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, Peru and Germany have been rehabilitated.

DIRECTING THE COUNCIL'S GENERAL ADMINISTRATION Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert (left), general secretary, and Dr. Roy G. Ross, associate general secretary, of the National Council of Churches.

ARMED FORCES PREACHING MISSION—The Chaplain leads congregational singing at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., where 6,000 attended the five-day Mission. More than 200 preachers served in the Missions at various camps and bases throughout the United States.

Evangelism

Rev. Charles B. Templeton, first full-time staff evangelist appointed by the Joint Department of Evangelism, has attracted great crowds wherever he has led preaching missions, and is booked solidly for 1953 and 1954.

Missions for migrant workers have been held in Southern New Jersey, upstate New York and Florida, using Spanish-speaking preachers for the most part.

Armed forces preaching missions were conducted in 83 army camps and naval bases by 176 civilian guest preachers, with full cooperation of the army and navy chiefs of chaplains.

Visitation evangelism campaigns were held in 50 communities in this country and in Japan. A complete religious census of Indianapolis was taken with the help of 11,500 workers.

Christian teaching missions in 56 communities during 1952 covered a total population of 4,000,000 in a house-to-house religious census. During the six years these missions have been held, 30,000 organized groups within Protestant churches have assumed evangelistic responsibilities and strengthened their programs accordingly.

The theme for Christian Education Week in 1953 will be "For All Children Faith in God."

United Christian Youth Missions have been held in more than a dozen communities and 50 are anticipated for the winter; 100 leaders have been trained to direct these missions.

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CHARLES E. WILSON
National Council Treasurer

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University Christian Missions on 36 campuses were participated in by 250 speakers and 350 colleges and universities were helped to make their missions or religious emphasis weeks more significant. The relevance of religion in higher education was discussed in five faculty consultations, participated in by 1,200 faculty members.

In Yellowstone National Park, which has a million visitors annually, a Christian ministry was begun this summer which includes music festivals, daily vacation Bible schools, vesper services, Sunday morning preaching services and youth meetings.

Family Life

Working with the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education, the Joint Department of Family Life has produced four sound filmstrips to show how parents can teach religion, use Christian resources in solving family problems, strengthen the family against community pressures, observe special occasions in the home.

In its sponsorship of the Protestant aspects of National Family Week, the Department during the past biennium has produced and distributed more than three-quarters of a million pieces of literature, and has helped church councils and nonchurch agencies with their plans. It also has helped to develop courses in family relations for use in high school and college curricula, and is undertaking a two-pronged special project: a clinical family life training program, and a community-wide family life clinic.

New Programs and Projects . . .

- In Christian Higher Education: a research project among 300 colleges on "What Is a Christian College?", organization of a Faculty Christian Fellowship and new planning for Christian life on campus;
- For state and local councils of churches, a new financial counselling service and a centralized calendar service on denominational and interdenominational observances and meetings;
- For young Christians in the armed services, the United Fellowship of Protestants and a Christian teaching curriculum for use in military establishments at home and abroad;
- For industrial workers in mammoth new atomic energy centers, a new cooperative ministry by the Committee on Defense Communities and local churches;
- For all Christians concerned about expressing their faith in their daily work, a new educational program on the Christian citizen on his job, as a consumer and as a citizen interested in government economic policy.

Religious Liberty

The Department of Religious Liberty has supplied information and counsel to a variety of individuals and groups particularly concerned with religious liberty and has built up a well-documented file of resource material which can speedily be brought into play when the need arises.

In 1951 the Department issued a pamphlet, *The Things Most Surely Believed Among Us* — "Protestantism and Roman Catholicism in Relation to Christian Personality, the Family, and the Democratic Way of Life" — which has served as a guide to groups studying problems in the field of religious liberty. *Democracy and the Churches,* by James Hastings Nichols, prepared in cooperation with the Department, has come into wide use as a theological text in addition to its general sale.

Stewardship and Benevolence

The Department of Stewardship and Benevolence has initiated the following new projects: stewardship and church finance institutes; an interdenominational summer course for stewardship leaders in local churches, councils of churches, denominational, state and synod offices, and new national stewardship secretaries; a sermon contest for seminary students; a symposium for pastors and seminary professors; a tithing film issued in cooperation with the United Lutheran Church.

Studies have been made of stewardship in Europe, the stewardship organization of 12 denominations, practices of teaching stewardship in U. S. and Canadian theological seminaries, and tithing literature. Books, booklets, filmstrips, and posters dealing with stewardship principles have been distributed.

Broadcasting and Film Commission

Pioneering ventures of the Broadcasting and Film Commission during the past two years have included: the Commission's first weekly TV programs on DuMont WABD under the name, "Morning Chapel"; a review of news in the field of religion—with 20 minutes of the hour devoted to Protestant news—"The Week in Religion"; the first coast-to-coast religious program on TV, "Frontiers of Faith"; and two widely used film programs on television — "This Is the Life" and "What's Your Trouble?" The latter presents on film Dr. and Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale in informal counselling. "This Is the Life," produced and financed by the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, is sponsored jointly by the BFC to secure public service time.

Other services included: a reorganized film and audio-visual department, a consultation and script review service in Hollywood, a research project, and work among local councils of churches.

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A Festival of Faith

Cincinnati's Bible Observance Made Unique by Participation of Nine of the Bible Scholars

Probably the most impressive and spiritually uplifting religious service ever held in Cincinnati, Ohio, was the seventh annual Protestant Festival of Faith on Sunday, October 26, when more than 5,000 persons jammed the Cincinnati Garden, while other thousands were turned away. The festival was sponsored by the Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati, of which Dr. J. Otis Young is president, and Rev. B. Bruce Whittemore, executive secretary.

The entire service was devoted to dedication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, and was highlighted by the presence of nine of the 20 scholars who compiled the new version, all of whom participated in the program.

A copy of the Revised Standard Version was presented to Dr. Young by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School and chairman of the committee of scholars.

Dr. Bernard C. Clausen of Willoughby, Ohio, internationally known Baptist minister, author and lecturer, gave a sermon on the subject, "Have You Been Revised?" Anthems were sung by a choir of 1,200, seated to form a living Bible, and a pageant was presented showing the milestones in Bible history.

The scene depicting Moses, from the pageant "The Bible: Source of Inspiration."

Seven of the nine Bible scholars who contributed to the program: (Left to right) Dr. Luther A. Weigle of Yale, Dr. J. Philip Hyatt of Vanderbilt, Dr. Millar Burrows of Yale, Dr. John C. Trever of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Leroy Waterman of the University of Michigan, Dr. W. Russell Bowie of Virginia Theological Seminary and Dr. W. A. Irwin of Southern Methodist University. Dr. Herbert G. May of Oberlin and Dr. Clarence Tucker Craig of Drew were not present when the picture was taken. At the right is Rev. B. Bruce Whittemore of the Cincinnati Council of Churches.

Others who participated in the service included the Moderator of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, Dr. John H. Lamy; Rt. Rev. Henry Wise Hobson, Episcopal Bishop of Southern Ohio; Dr. F. B. McAllister, past president of the Ohio Baptist Convention, and 100 Knights Templar, who formed a huge patriarchal cross during the processional of clergy which preceded the service.

"The National Council Outlook, it seems to me, has carried the news and activities of the General Board as well as of the various departments of the National Council in a very attractive manner. I find the magazine interesting and helpful. This is true both in my official capacity as one of the representatives of our Church on the General Board and also as pastor of a church which seeks to cooperate with sister churches in the far-flung work of the Kingdom."

Dr. John S. Land,
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Church Leaders Appraise the First Two Years

The OUTLOOK *asked denominational representatives on the General Board of the National Council to state briefly their opinion of the Council's first two years. Twenty-two, including several officers, replied before the* OUTLOOK *went to press. The statements are presented in this Biennial Number, in the belief that they present a fair cross section of opinion of the Council's 29 constituent communions.*

The Editors

Mutual Appreciation

"As the first biennium of the National Council draws to a close one pauses to review some of its accomplishments. Members of the General Board have come to know each other and to have an appreciation for the program of each of the denominations represented. Through united effort statements have been issued that will affect the life of the churches, the nation and the world. Among the most significant are the following: The Church and Universal Military Training; The Appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican; The Churches and Segregation.

"The work of the General Board has been ably directed by the president, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill."

MRS. ABBIE CLEMENT JACKSON,
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church,
Louisville, Ky.,
Vice-President-at-Large

Functions Integrated

"For many years the Protestant churches have been in need of two elements in their organization and fellowship which now the National Council gives them: First, a recognized voice to speak unitedly upon basic issues and to present a united strategy; secondly, a recognition of the basic unity of the Church as it meets the demands and opportunities of its program. Of this latter, no longer do Christian education, national missions, and foreign missions, for example, stand within the churches and before the world as separated ventures, but each function of the Church is now seen to be an integrated part and a major responsibility of the Church as a whole."

REV. CHARLES T. LEBER,
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.,
New York, N. Y.,
Vice President

Evangelical Basis Strong

"In its first two years of life the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has contributed significantly to:

1. The strengthening of united Protestantism's commitment to *evangelical* faith.
2. The deepening of the purpose of the member churches to deal with each other as *churches,* and to have *church* loyalties as the controlling factor in determining representation.
3. The intensification of zeal for evangelism and the sharing of widely approved evangelism methods.
4. The release of the more fundamental conceptions of Christian stewardship into the promotion, fund-raising and life-enlistment efforts of the churches.
5. The release of a stronger voice of testimony in national issues directly related to the Christian witness of the Churches. Exhibit: The Vatican issue.
6. The improvement of confidence through more numerous and more direct personal contacts of leaders in educational and mission ministries.
7. The editorial supervision and promotion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
8. The dramatic improvement and increase in the use of mass communication media.
9. The further enlargement of the place and services of lay men, women and youth."

REV. F. EPPLING REINARTZ,
United Lutheran Church in America,
New York, N. Y.

A New *Esprit de Corps*

"The building of a new *esprit de corps* among all participating churches in the National Council has been the outstanding achievement of the past two years. We sense greater responsibility for the total task of the churches. The unanimous participation in the observance of the release of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the unanimous and persistent opposition to the proposed Vatican ambassadorship, the fellowship made possible through closer association with the responsibilities carried by all Divisions, have greatly strengthened the church in America."

REV. GAINES M. COOK,
International Convention of Disciples of Christ,
Indianapolis, Ind.

A Clearer, Stronger Voice

"The National Council of Churches has become a clearer, stronger voice of a united and growing Protestantism. It has become a more effective agent of the churches in their increasingly enlarging activities to carry the teachings and spirit of Jesus into all the zones of human living.

"The National Council of Churches has conceived and developed well-rounded, effective programs of evangelism and missions. It has given helpful directions for the application of Christian principles to all our relationships both national and world-wide. It has eased fear, inspired confidence and developed courage for the mission of the church."

BISHOP C. H. STAUFFACHER,
Evangelical United Brethren Church,
Kansas City, Mo.

Greatest Opportunity for Service

". . . There is no greater organization that it has been my pleasure to work with and to be a member of than the National Council of Churches. Certainly no organization which I have known in my half-century of active religious work has a greater opportunity to render service to millions of church people throughout the United States and Canada."

DR. HENRY A. BOYD,
National Baptist Convention of America,
Nashville, Tenn.

The Church Is Stronger

"Personally I have been thrilled by the manner in which the National Council of Churches has carried forward its program during the past two years. I feel that Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill has provided us with just the kind of leadership that we needed in the formative days of the Council. I am convinced that the denominational representatives have made real progress in the direction of reaching agreement on objectives and also in the development of programs designed to achieve those objectives. The Church is stronger today than it was prior to the organization of the National Council. There is no doubt in my mind but that the Council is going to continue to make a major contribution in the direction of helping the Church to fulfill its mission."

ARTHUR S. FLEMMING,
The Methodist Church,
Delaware, Ohio,
Vice-President

One Approach to Christian Work

"The National Council has made possible *one approach* to the many types of Christian work which it now embraces. Ministers and laymen are gradually beginning to recognize that the words: *National Council* signify a unified approach to foreign missions, to home missions, to stewardship, to evangelism, and to many other types of work.

"Two years ago, many local church people did not know the names of the twelve general agencies which merged their concerns in the National Council. Today, church people know that the National Council is the organization which is spreading the Christian faith in many different ways."

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks,
The Methodist Church,
Mt. Vernon, Iowa

Strength and Weakness

"The strength and weakness of the cooperative movement among Protestant and Orthodox Churches has been clearly revealed in the two years since the National Council of Churches was founded in Cleveland.

"The organization has functioned. A total and united church program has been begun. The budget has been balanced. Thousands of volunteer man hours have been generously devoted to our common effort. This is the strength.

"But the machinery still creaks. (The committee structure is complicated and expensive.) There is more machinery than program. Too much of the cooperative movement is on the national level, not enough is on the local level. This is the weakness.

"Clear thought and continued devotion will iron out the weakness and give new strength."

Rev. Eugene Carson Blake,
Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

The Total Aspect of the Task

"What has happened in two years?

"The coordination of the greatest part of American interdenominational work has caused a reconsideration in the churches of the total aspect of the task, and much has been thought of the discovery of the 'center' of American Protestantism to implement future development.

"Sponsorship of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible has brought the Word of God into more general focus than ever before. The Outlook has certainly been the salesman for better views of church, national, and world questions."

Josef A. Barton,
Czech-Moravian Brethren
Bellville, Texas

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we ask that Thy blessing may rest upon the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, that we who are many may know that we are one body in Christ and members one of another. We thank Thee for all Thy manifold blessings, for the heritage which is ours as churches and as a nation, above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us, we beseech Thee, that we may be worthy of our vocation and ministry. Give us the presence and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of wisdom, loyalty, cooperation, vision and courage. Help us to consecrate more fully and unitedly all that we are and all that we have to Thy service. We pray Thee to hasten Thy kingdom, that peace and justice may be established among us for all generations through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Prayer issued for National Council Day, December 7th.

Policy of Non-Interference

"The National Council is the most important organization in the religious life of America today. It is recognized throughout the nation as the mouthpiece of American Protestantism.

"The outstanding characteristic of the National Council is its desire for cooperation and its policy of non-interference with the internal affairs of the various denominations. It has lived up to its constitution in every respect, and it is the instrument that makes the Churches in America cognizant of their respective responsibilities and desirous of cooperation one with the other."

Bishop D. Ward Nichols,
African Methodist Episcopal Church,
New York, N. Y.

Future Bright with Promise

"The formation of the National Council of Churches was one of the most significant achievements in Christian cooperation in the history of the Christian Church. The wise leadership of Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, Dr. Roy G. Ross and their associates has laid foundations upon which an enduring structure will be built. The future is bright with promise."

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam,
The Methodist Church,
Washington, D. C.

Getting Acquainted

"The chief accomplishment of the National Council of Churches has been getting acquainted with personnel and thinking of various churches in America today, and in laying foundations for that which is to be under God.

"Thus far the achievements are not commensurate with the outlay of funds nor the multiplication of staff and office personnel with each staff person having to produce business, material, committee meetings, and reports to justify his position. I am convinced that fewer people concentrating on essential tasks could make a greater impact on the church life of America than is now being made."

Rt. Rev. Harwood Sturtevant,
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Excellent Progress

"The National Council of Churches has made excellent progress during the first biennium. It has been necessary to face many problems of reorganization and this has required a good deal of time. But I think we all have a much better understanding of our task and are heartened by the promise of good days ahead, and as we look forward we have reason to be grateful for the services of an excellent staff."

Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett,
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Respect for Personality

"The National Council has not lessened any respect or loyalty for our specific communions, but through it we have discovered the great potential of our many contributions from various backgrounds and experiences and the grand unity whose effective assertion makes a meaningful impact on all for a better nation and a world redeemed.

"In matters of evangelism, economic justice, human rights, sympathetic understanding of groups, missionary and social relief, the church through the council agencies has been able to give enlightenment and encouragement. Confidence has been increased in the sincerity and power of the Christian Church to move society toward a fuller understanding, a deeper respect for personality and achievement of peace through men and women of goodwill."

Bishop William J. Walls,
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Two Years in Review— (*Continued from page* 16)

During 1951 alone the BFC produced a total of 1,058 radio and TV programs and replied to 720,114 requests for sermons, booklets and general information.

Church World Service

Under its Material Relief Program, the Department of Church World Service, up to August 31, 1952, collected, processed and shipped overseas 4,118,905 pounds of clothing and miscellaneous contributed supplies, valued at $3,937,056. Through CROP and cash purchases it sent abroad during the same period 10,820,527 pounds of food and vitamins valued at $1,204,986.

Under the CWS Resettlement Program, in the period ending September 15, 1952, a total of 58,683 displaced persons from Europe and Asia were resettled in the United States. In addition, welfare projects have been developed and carried out in the Near East, India, Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Pakistan and Japan. These projects include schools in refugee camps, feeding programs, clothing distribution, and rehabilitation of victims of war in Korea.

Ecumenical Relations

Two specific projects are outstanding in the work of the Department of Ecumenical Relations: the ecumenical scholarship exchange and the interchange of preachers between the U. S. and Britain. For the academic year 1950-1951, 39 foreign students from ten foreign countries studied in 26 seminaries in the U. S., brought here by the ecumenical scholarship exchange. During 1951-1952, 34 students from 11 countries studied in 22 U. S. schools.

The interchange of preachers program for 1952 saw 11 Britishers preaching in the U. S. and nine Americans making pulpit appearances in Britain. This program met with hearty approval on both sides of the Atlantic.

Field Administration

For a larger degree of coordination among state, and local councils of churches and other cooperative church groups, the Central Department of Field Administration has organized counseling, information and development services emanating from four regional offices. Its four-point Financial Counseling Program has provided valuable assistance to local councils.

The launching of two new state councils, settlement of two disputes over locations for new churches, sponsorship of the National Council's 1952-53 *Handbook* and the Centralized Calendar Service, joint direction of numerous regional and leadership training conferences, and the conducting of 16 local program evaluation and planning conferences represent other major accomplishments of the Department.

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The CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

New Council Begins Operation

A Georgia Council of Churches was launched in November, with seven denominations representing half a million state church members participating in the new cooperative agency.

In announcing formation of the council, Rev. Rembert Sisson, chairman of an executive committee which set up the new body, said the group is designed to "unite Christian action throughout the state."

Charter members of the Georgia Council are Congregational Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, North and South Georgia Methodist Conferences, Presbyterian Church U. S., Presbyterian Church U. S. A., and the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

Confer on Emotional Maturity

Ways in which local churches can develop work programs based on the emotional needs of parishioners were considered by special study groups at a recent state-wide conference sponsored by the Connecticut Council of Churches and the Greater Hartford Council of Churches, in November.

Purpose of the conference was to enable ministers, religious education directors, teachers, parents, church school superintendents and lay leaders to discuss "the emotional growth and needs of people and their relation to religious maturity." Over-all topic for the conference was "Standing Firm Under Life's Pressures."

Use TV for Sunday School

An experiment in the use of television for church school classes has been launched by the Church Federation of Indianapolis in cooperation with ten local churches.

At present, at least one class in each of the "test churches" is viewing the religion-oriented program, "This Is the Life," each Sunday morning on TV. At the conclusion of the program, the group spends 30 minutes discussing problems presented by the telecast, with the regular class instructor as discussion leader.

Council Gets Downtown Building

The Detroit Council of Churches recently acquired new headquarters, and believes itself the only church council to have its own office building in the downtown section of a city.

Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, executive director of the Detroit council, called the new headquarters building "the fulfillment of a dream" and "the biggest single step forward the Council has taken."

Urge Changes in Immigration Laws

Ways in which U. S. immigration laws should be altered were outlined in St. Paul, Minn., recently to President Truman's special commission on immigration and naturalization by a representative of the Minnesota Council of Churches.

Rev. James Boren acting in behalf of the church council, recommended the following action:

—Congress should adopt such emergency legislation as will allow the completion of the displaced persons program to which the U. S. is committed;

—Congress should make the quota system more flexible. It should be based on the 1950 census rather than the 1920, and provide that unused quotas may be shifted to other areas.

—Congress should remove the discriminatory provisions based upon considerations of color, race or sex;

—Congress should adopt a system of fair hearings and appeals respecting the issuance of visas and deportation proceedings.

Labor-Management Conference Held

The second annual conference on Religion, Labor and Management, sponsored by the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches, heard a plea for a society in which labor and management see their individual responsibilities more clearly.

Addressing some 75 clergymen, labor and business leaders, in San Francisco, Cameron P. Hall, executive director of the National Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life, called on churches to help promote more effective cooperation between labor and management.

Another speaker, Rev. John Sherman, international vice president of the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Makers Union, A.F.L., urged ministers to believe in the principles of the labor movement and to invite labor and industry representatives to speak more frequently, as well as to promote forums on labor and management problems.

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Appraise First Two Years

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A Higher Visibility

"The first biennium of the National Council of Churches substantially justifies the hopes that we had in its organization, for the following reasons:

1. Considering the complexity of the task, it has functioned smoothly, effectively and harmoniously.
2. It is more broadly representative of the cooperating churches than any previous organization.
3. It relates the churches as a whole more responsibly to the total cooperative program.
4. It has strengthened the facilities for important technical services, as in research, public relations, broadcasting and films; has provided valuable new thrusts in service; and has advanced the integration of existing services.
5. It has enlisted many able men and women in the work of the Council and is developing new sources of support for its work.
6. It is giving a higher visibility and a new authority to the cooperative work of the churches at a very critical time.

"Such conclusions are borne out by a careful study made by a special committee of the Council. While the Council is not a perfect organization and many problems remain to be solved, I feel we have solid grounds for satisfaction in the achievements to date and for confidence in the future."

Rev. Hermann N. Morse,
Moderator, Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.,
and Secretary of Planning Committee

A Strong, Unified Voice

"The first two years have been very fruitful. There has been a marked accomplishment in creating a strong, unified voice of Protestantism. The fact that participating denominations and agencies can agree on policies and pronouncements dealing with present day social, economic, racial, theological and church-and-state questions in the light of Christian standards is significant.

"In carrying forward the program of the church, a systematic, well-planned, united effort by a larger number of denominations is very much more effective than sporadic attempts by individual denominations.

"In the area of Christian personnel and leadership, men and women affiliated with individual denominations have been made available to all groups for committee service, research and specific projects."

Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf,
The Methodist Church,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Not a Super-Church

"I have been impressed by the fine spirit of Christian friendliness and fellowship, of courteous consideration for all, under the excellent leadership of our president and general secretaries. In addition, I am impressed by the greatness of the Council. This is evident in the size of its operations through its Divisions, Departments and Commissions, and therein lie some of the difficulties and dangers that beset such a large and intricate organization. It is also evident in the outreach of its program through its constituent denominational bodies, which include by far the largest percentage of Protestant Americans. It is also apparent in the greatness of its purpose and mission, which is to be realized through cooperative Christianity and not through a 'super-church.'"

Rev. R. H. Mueller,
Evangelical United Brethren Church,
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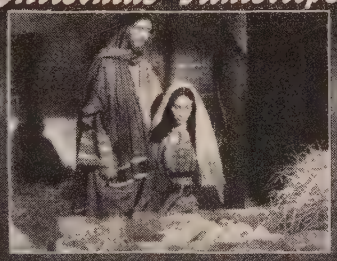

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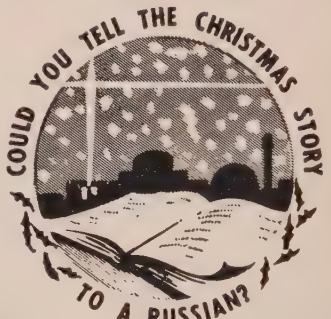

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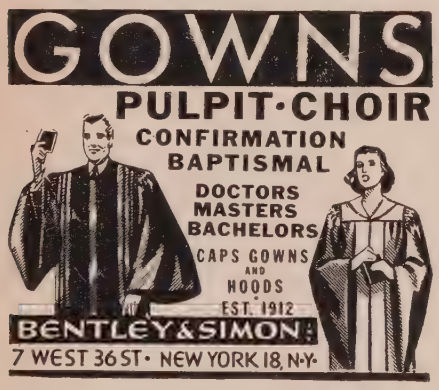

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Sense of Unity in Action

"Perhaps one of the chief achievements has been the sense of oneness. The National Council has brought to the communions a sense of unity in action greater than they have ever before experienced in this country. It has also brought to the group of agencies which combined to form the National Council a sense of their relation to one another and the necessity for cooperative action. In a country where the number of Protestant groups is so large and where their continued division for an indefinite future seems inevitable, this sense of unity in action is perhaps the greatest source of strength in common achievement that could have been brought to us."

REV. G. PITT BEERS,
American Baptist Convention
New York, N. Y.

Comradeship and Solidarity

"The National Council of Churches has made significant progress along many lines. A few of these accomplishments are: its essential achievement of understanding, unity, confidence and stability within its corporate life and the increasing sense of comradeship and solidarity between constituent members; program emphases shared in simultaneous efforts by constituent members; statements of positive Christian judgment on social, industrial, political and religious situations bearing on human freedom and righteous conduct in America and throughout the world, and concern for, and leadership in, the ecumenical movement."

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A Familiar Organization

The first biennium has definitely brought closer unity and greater understanding into the Protestant fellowship. The excellent publicity which it has received has made the National Council a familiar organization to a surprising number of lay people in all of the fellowships. The closer tie between the denominations and the councils of churches will be of great importance and effectiveness. One step in fuller understanding has been the educational process of having every member cognizant not only of their own special interest, but of the work of each of the divisions and general departments which are the National Council in action."

MRS. WILLIAM H. MEDLICOTT,
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Highest in Public Esteem

"The National Council has helped the Protestant churches of our country to see their own work as part of a vast program in which each may help the other, and in which all face together with renewed faith the vexing problems of our times. The men of vision who have been guiding the work of the Council have brought Protestantism to the highest position it has ever enjoyed in public esteem."

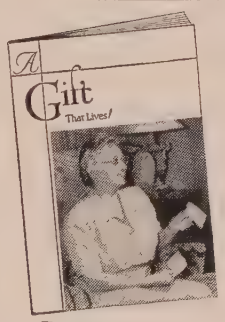
REV. F. P. STOCKER,
The Moravian Church,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Church and Economic Life Week

January 18-24 has been designated as Church and Economic Life Week. Theme: "Why We Work—and How."

This theme continues the discussion brought back to local churches and communities by delegates to the North American Lay Conference on "The Christian and His Daily Work" held in Buffalo last February.

A folder giving program suggestions and a list of material is available free on request from the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10. N. Y.



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The Department also has published, for 1951 and 1952, the annual *Yearbook of American Churches,* a comprehensive guide to religion in the U. S. and Canada.

Research and Survey

In addition to the publication of its weekly *Information Service* and annual *Yearbook of American Churches,* the Central Department of Research and Survey has compiled statistical information for many departments of the Council. Its Committee on Field Research conducted 19 surveys on the relation of American churches to their communities and established the Harlan Paul Douglass Religious Research Collection of field survey reports. The Committee on Research in Christian Education concentrated on studies of in-service training programs for ministers, leadership education, and the effectiveness of films in reducing prejudice.

The Committee on Research in Foreign Missions directed studies on the theme, "The Missionary Obligation of the Church," for the World Missions Conference at Willingen, Germany in July, 1952. This committee also prepared a *Handbook on Accounting for Missionaries,* and set up two currently active study groups concerned with "The Theological Basis of the Mission" and missionary vocations.

Church Building and Architecture

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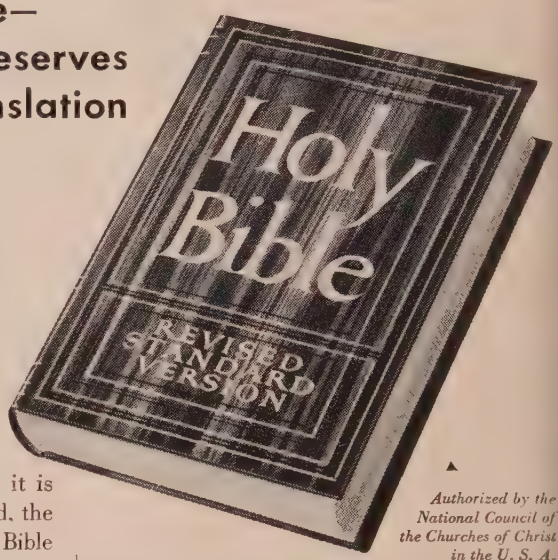

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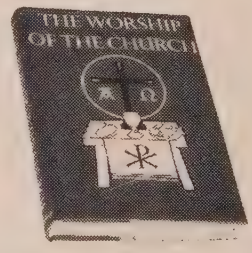

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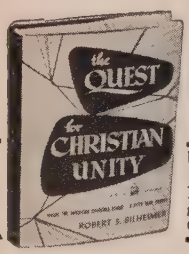

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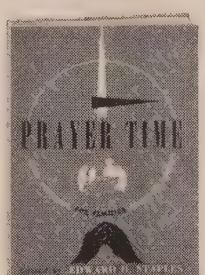

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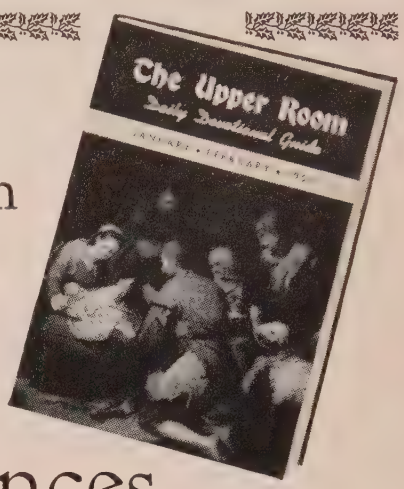

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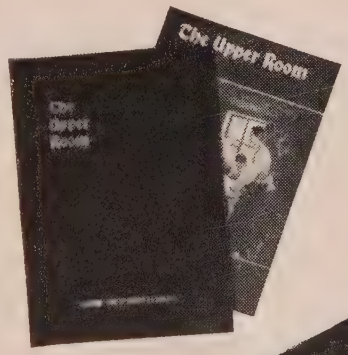

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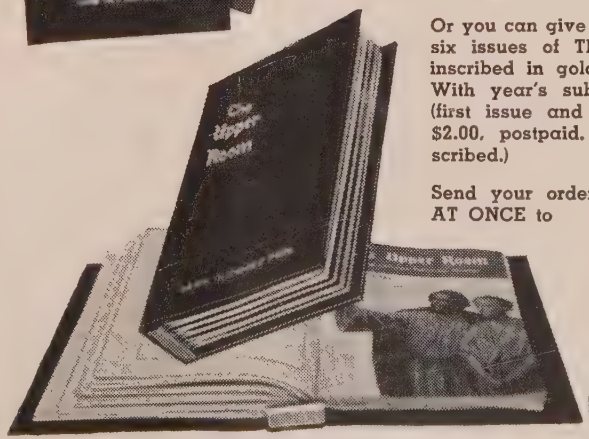

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Mr. Bilheimer's main hope is not in any organizational plans but in the fact that the "ecumenical vision has really been seen." He believes that a new understanding of the Church as the one Body of Christ's people has gripped the imagination so strongly that it will not be lost. Another asset which he values is the mood of "self-criticism" within the churches.

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Some of these societies were "instituted for benevolent purposes in their own community." Others gave money and sewed for home and foreign missions and contributed to schools for poor children.

Gradually the "pious females" became "good ladies" in official documents. There were great changes in the national scene, and these affected the place of women in the church, as well as in national life. Some ministers might still fulminate against women speaking in anything more than a "female prayer meeting." Others, notably Sheldon Jackson, the most noted Presbyterian home missionary of his time, did not feel that way.

Organized work for home missions as such apparently began in 1867. Soon the need for a national organization was evident. In 1875, General Assembly "authorized the formation of a distinct Woman's Home Missionary Society under the advice and control of the Board of Home Missions." This was finally accomplished in 1880.

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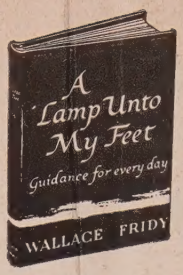

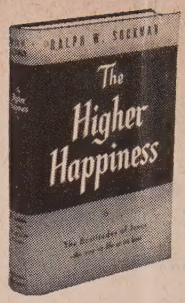

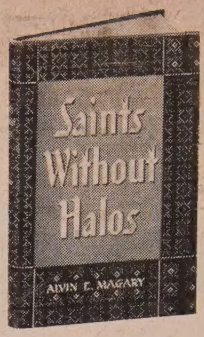

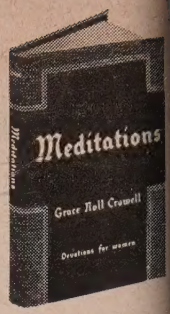

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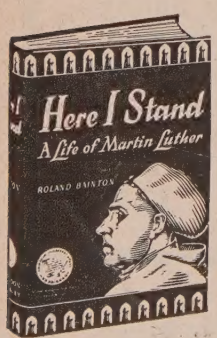

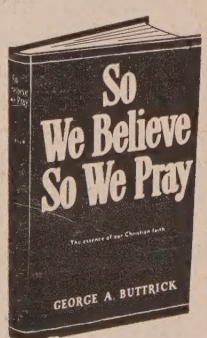

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